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# Association News

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## **Providing travel assistance for young WPSA members and students to participate in regional and global WPSA Conferences**

It is generally agreed that enhancing the educational, research and experience opportunities of young poultry science professional and technical people is critical to the pace of development of more efficient poultry production, whether it is in an intensive technological industry or in small-scale, family production systems. It should also be stressed that any travel assistance we can provide should be independent of and in addition to that currently provided by World's Poultry Congresses, Regional Conferences or individual Branches. It should target and benefit additional students and young members, including young poultry producers from developing countries and students from developed countries. A scheme of open competition for such WPSA Travel Scholarships now is available. Applicants must be a member of WPSA for at least half a year before they can apply for a Travel Grant.

Applications must be accompanied by a short CV.

### **Deadlines**

You must submit your application at least 3 months prior to the meeting.

### **Application form**

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat ([wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or you can download the application form from the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

Please send the complete application form (preferably by e-mail) to the General Secretary of WPSA, Dr Roel Mulder, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: [roel.mulder@wpsa.com](mailto:roel.mulder@wpsa.com) or [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) or fax to +31 207508941.

## **WPSA Website: [www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)**

The WPSA website provides much valuable information about the organisation and activities of the Association, its regional federations and country branches. In addition there are regularly updated news reports from branch meetings, conferences and symposia organised by the specialist Working Groups, as well as a calendar of future events.

In order to keep it regularly updated, the

Association welcomes information and pictures from Branches, Regional Federations and Working Groups concerning activities of the various WPSA organisations, as well as news about appointment of officers and members.

Please send your information to Mrs D.M. Kleverwal, e-mail [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl).

## **WPSA Speakers Bureau Fostering local and regional conferences in the poultry sciences**

During the 34th meeting of the Board of WPSA on August 20, 2000 in Montreal, Canada it was recognised that expertise in several areas of poultry science and production in low income countries is often very limited, and WPSA branches in these countries often do not have sufficient financial resources to fund overseas speakers.

To address this problem, the Board created a Speakers' Bureau to assist branches in low income countries to cover the travel costs of expert international speakers. This measure is consistent with the key objective of WPSA to encourage and facilitate liaison among research scientists and educators, and between those in research and education and those working in the many diverse sectors of the poultry industry. Under the Speakers' Bureau scheme, WPSA will pay only the cost of air travel (lowest economy class). All other expenses such as local travel and accommodation are to be paid by the organizing Branch(es). WPSA will not pay any honorarium to speakers.

Given the high cost of international air travel it is important that optimum value be obtained from this expenditure by WPSA. This can be achieved by insisting that the visiting speaker provides more than just one paper at a conference. The visiting speaker could contribute in a variety of ways, e.g., present a second paper on a related topic, conduct a workshop for graduate students, have small group or one-on-one interaction, especially with students, visit industry groups, visit university groups, etc.

Unless the Branch (or group of Branches) can pay all the speakers' costs itself, a speaker should NOT be invited until approval of Speakers' Bureau funds is made by the WPSA Executive Committee. The Branch(es) should not assume that approval will be given until so advised by the WPSA Secretary. Where a Branch or a group of Branches wish to apply for Speakers Bureau assistance, there are certain conditions which must be met:

### **Application conditions**

Application must be made using the WPSA Speakers' Bureau application form.

Application must be submitted at least 2 months prior to the meeting.

The speaker must contribute more to the meeting and/or branch than just presenting one paper.

Following approval, the speaker or the local Branch will be reimbursed by the WPSA Treasurer after the meeting.

A maximum of 2 speakers will be sponsored from the Speakers' Bureau per meeting.

The Branch(es) must be up-to-date with their membership payment.

Full details and application forms can be obtained from the WPSA secretariat ([wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl)) or you can download the application forms from the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

The completed application forms should be sent by e-mail to [wpsa@xs4all.nl](mailto:wpsa@xs4all.nl) or by fax to: +31 207 508 941

## **Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen**

The XIX World's Poultry Congress, held in September 1992 in Amsterdam, was financially successful. This outcome was, to a large extent, due to the contributions received from the 16 main sponsors and over 2500 participants. The terms of reference of the Congress Organizing Foundation required that any credit balance that

resulted after all liabilities had been met should be made available to the Dutch Branch of WPSA as initiator of the organization of the Congress. As a result, a Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science (Stichting Bevordering Pluimveewetenschappen) was founded. The general objective of this foundation are "to

promote the developments and propagation of poultry science in WPSA-structures, and specifically:

1. the stimulation of international congresses and the promotion of participation in these events, and
2. the support of initiative having the objective of establishing WPSA-branches in countries which do not yet have them”.

Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support for appropriate WPSA activities such as conferences, congresses and symposia. Applications for financial support of conferences, congresses and symposia should be forwarded through the local WPSA Branch.

The Foundation has a particular interest in assisting in the process of establishing new WPSA branches and therefore supports these

branches by covering for three years part of the membership fees. Individuals and organizations may apply for financial support by contacting Ir H. Hupkes, Odijkerweg 37, NL-3972 NE Driebergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: [h.hupkes@zonnet.nl](mailto:h.hupkes@zonnet.nl). An application form will be send on request.

The Board of directors of the Foundation meets three or four times a year. In case of requests for financial assistance to attend conferences, congresses and symposia, applications should be received by the secretary at least 3 months before the meeting.

Application forms should be filled out completely and can be send through e-mail and fax. An original application form should be send by regular mail.

It is the Boards policy not to fund individual applicants more than 2 times.

## Online Journal subscription for WPSA members

The World's Poultry Science Journal has been available to subscribers on-line for the past three years. As a result of a change in our publishing partners (the on-line edition will be available from Cambridge University Press instead of CABI) and the work of a small sub-committee appointed at the 2005 WPSA Board meeting, members will have the option of receiving the Journal on-line instead of the print edition.

The system will be upgraded to permit searching of references, tracing citations etc. with a full range of electronic facilities.

The print version will continue to be the normal method for receiving the Journal. **if you wish to receive the on-line version instead, you must indicate this by completing the form on the WPSA website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).**

Most of the content of the Journal will now be included in the on-line edition with the exception of the advertisements. We will be developing a new page in the on-line version where all of our Gold and Silver sponsors will be identified, and provide direct links to their company websites.

## E-mail WPSA Newsletter

WPSA has introduced a new version of the WPSA Newsletter that will be e-mailed to individual members, on request. To receive

this, please subscribe to the e-mail Newsletter on the website ([www.wpsa.com](http://www.wpsa.com)).

## World's Poultry Science Journal – Digital Archive

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can be saved and e-mailed, full text articles printed and bibliographic details exported into reference management software. Perpetual

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## Scholarship Awards 2012

The Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science of the Netherlands Branch of the World's Poultry Science Association has announced that the fifth group of awards will be presented at the XXIV World's Poultry Congress in Salvador, Brazil in 2012. The awards are normally made in each of three categories - Education, Organization and Research - coinciding with the motto on the WPSA logo. An internationally representative committee chosen by the Board of the Foundation for Promoting Poultry Science will decide recipients. While it is anticipated that one award will be made in each category, this may vary depending on the number and quality of submissions.

### Research Award

A WPSA Research Award will be presented at each World's Poultry Congress to an outstanding scientist in recognition of research achievement related to the poultry industry. Only those who have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress at which the award is made will be eligible. The award will consist of a suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US\$ 14 500). The award will be made to a scientist who has made an outstanding contribution in his or her field and will be based on up to five publications in refereed journals. The papers need not all relate to the same research project but they must be in the same general area. The scientist must be the senior author in the case of papers with multiple authors.

Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member. Offprints or copies of the papers (up to five) on which it is based should accompany the nomination (other relevant papers may be cited). The nomination document, which should not exceed 1000 words, should include:

- reasons for making the nomination;

- a brief biography of the scientist being nominated;
- plans for the utilization of that part of the award not given directly to the recipient. These plans must be in sufficient detail to enable the awards Committee to assess the nature and value of the research programme. Examples of eligible costs include the purchase of leasing of equipment and stipends for graduate students.

### Education Award

A WPSA Education Award will be presented at each World's Poultry Congress to an individual or group who, in the view of the Awards Committee, has/have made a major contribution to poultry management education in a five year period immediately preceding a World's Poultry Congress. Nominees (or leaders of groups in the case of joint nominations) must have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress at which the award is made. The award will consist of a suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US \$ 14 500).

Education will be interpreted liberally with achievement being represented by books, other publications, films, videos or the development of training programmes for poultry scientists, managers or workers. Nominations for the award may only be made by a WPSA member and should consist of:

- a description of the work, summarized in not more than 1000 words, which should give details of the educational project (including information on the target group or groups);
- an assessment of how much impact has been achieved;
- a clear indication of how the balance of the award would be applied to future educational activities. Examples might

include publications, extension of courses, revision of videos etc., or entirely new initiatives.

The nominating document may be supported by additional items in the form of written or other work by the nominee/nominee group, but the nomination itself must be sufficient to stand-alone for evaluation by the Awards committee.

#### **Industry/Organization Award**

A WPSA Industry/Organization Award will be presented at each World's Poultry Congress to an individual or organization who/which, in the view of the Awards Committee, has made an outstanding contribution to the development and/or success of the poultry industry in a five-year period immediately preceding a World's Poultry Congress. The development of trade organizations, promotional or information programmes, or the invention of new processes or products relevant to the poultry industry will form the basis of the award. Nominees (or leaders of nominated organizations) must have been members of the World's Poultry Science Association for at least two years immediately preceding the Congress at which the award is made.

The award will consist of a suitably inscribed certificate or plaque and € 11 000 (currently about US\$ 14 500).

Nominations for the award may be made by any WPSA member and should consist of a

citation in not more than 1000 words which includes:

- a description of the action or activity and how this has been of benefit to the poultry industry;
- an assessment of how much impact has been achieved;
- a clear indication of how the balance of the award would be applied to future activities, for example, new initiatives or the furtherance of the one which is the subject of the nomination.

The nominating document may be supported by additional written or other material, but must itself be sufficient to stand-alone for evaluation by the Awards Committee.

#### **Nominations**

Nominations should be submitted to the WPSA Awards Committee at least six months before the start of the Salvador World's Poultry Congress. The deadline for receipt of submissions will be 31st December 2011. Please send nominations: c/o Dr R.W.A.W. (Roel) Mulder, Secretary WPSA, PO Box 31, 7360 AA Beekbergen, The Netherlands, e-mail: roel.mulder@wpsa.com.

To show how awards are utilized, those nominated must, if successful, undertake to present a report of their work at the next World's Poultry Congress following the one at which the award was made.

## **WPSA Branch News**

### **Argentina**

Members of the Argentinean Branch of WPSA are participating in several different commissions of the Scientific Committee for the XXII Latin American Poultry Congress ([www.avicultura2011.com](http://www.avicultura2011.com)). This meeting will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on September 6-9, 2011. This event will carry the slogan: 'Latin America: an environmentally-friendly world food reservoir,' and it will be held at the premises of La Rural, the largest convention centre in the country. The WPSA will provide an expert speaker, supported by the 'WPSA Speakers Bureau' programme; Dr. Roel Mulder (Secretary General WPSA and Spelderholt® Poultry Consulting and Research) will present

a lecture about 'European regulations for slaughter houses'.

The Latin American Poultry Conference will feature various meetings for an expected audience of 3500 attendants. Five conference rooms seating 1000, 600 and 400 persons will simultaneously present top international speakers who will provide the latest information on poultry Health, Nutrition, Farm Practices, Genetics and Incubation, Business and Management, and the Environment. Conference participants will be able to choose between Spanish, Portuguese and English translations of all the presentations.

The Poster area will cover more than 400 m<sup>2</sup> and will be included in a competition involving the presentation of several different prizes. As in all other Latin American Poultry Meetings,

the papers accepted for the conference will take part in the Lauriston Von Schmidt Scientific Merit competition award. Mr. Von Schmidt was a founder and Honorary President of the Latin American Poultry Association (ALA). All papers authored by research groups coming from two or more Latin American countries will take part in the Dr. Arnaldo Colusi ALA competition award. Dr. Arnaldo Colusi was a respected international scholar, professional and consultant in the poultry field.

### **Brazil**

The Brazilian branch of WPSA is organizing the XXIV World's Poultry Congress that will be held 2012 in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil on 5-8 August, 2012. Several organizational sub-committees are well underway in working out the details of the scientific programme. Invitations to speakers are currently being sent out. More than 80% of the available fair booth space has already been reserved by a number of national and international companies involved in Poultry Production & the Poultry Industry worldwide. The team of WPSA-BR was represented at the Poultry Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, USA in January, including the President and Marketing Director of WPSA-BR/FACTA where they promoted the 2012 WPC. The same team also travelled to Thailand to the VIV- Bangkok which was held on March 2011 to promote the 2012 WPC. The Organizing Committee is preparing social programmes for the participants and spectators who will attend the 2012 World's Poultry Congress.

*Carla Palermo, FACTA/WPSA Brazilian Branch*

### **France**

The European Poultry Congress (EPC 2010) was held in Tours on August 23-27, 2010 and provided a comprehensive review of novel information related to poultry science. The French Branch of WPSA would like to express their sincere thanks to the experts who presented stimulating talks in their areas of expertise, and to the numerous speakers who presented innovative information. Without their input such synthesis of novel information in various poultry disciplines would not have been possible. The scientific and local

organizing committees and the Professional Congress Organizer (Paragon) deserve special thanks for their active contributions to the success of the congress.

The abstracts/papers from EPC2010 will soon be available on the WPSA website. Meanwhile, WPSA members can freely access those papers through the EPC2010 website (<http://www.epc2010.org/>) using password: `epc_proceedings_2010`.

### **Malaysia**

The Malaysian Branch of WPSA will be involved in the Livestock Asia Expo & Forum, Asia's international feed, livestock & meat industry show that will be entitled: 'Transforming the Feed & Livestock Industry in Asia.' The Expo will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center on 4-6 October 2011. Members of the Malaysian Branch will be involved with chairing sessions, and with paper presentations. See <http://www.livestockasia.com/> for conference registration and details.

*Dr. Teo Kim Lai, Secretary*

### **Papua New Guinea**

Members of the Papua New Guinea Branch assisted efforts in containment and eradication of a New Castle Disease outbreak in a coastal district and helped provide the measures taken to contain the spread of the disease. After three years of regular disease surveillance and eradication campaigns to contain and eradicate the NCD virus from the affected districts of East New Britain province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), results of the last comprehensive round of blood samples taken from 15 sites, analysed in Australia, indicated that all affected areas returned negative laboratory results and the province, as well as the country, were declared free of the disease in November 2010. As a result, poultry movement restrictions, which had been imposed since the disease outbreak, have now been lifted by the Government. Until the first detection of the disease in the East New Britain province late in 2006, PNG had been free of NCD. Urgent disease containment procedures were put in place as soon as the laboratory results confirmed the presence of the virus. In addition to strict bird movement restrictions, local authorities implemented controlled

eradication of affected chicken populations, and they maintained the contaminated areas free of domestic birds until proven disease-free breeding stocks were distributed from research institutions in a coordinated re-stocking programme. Local authorities, including quarantine and inspection services, livestock extension offices, law enforcement agencies and researchers, were involved in this concerted action.

Three members of the PNG branch of WPSA have since been supported by the branch in order to be trained as para-veterinarians so they could support the limited capacity of public animal health services in disease outbreak incidences like this. One of these individuals has been directly involved in surveillance and monitoring missions, and re-stocking of these villages. Other members coming from several public research, extension and academic institutions, have also been involved in on-going public awareness activities and in supporting affected communities to revive their smallholder family chicken operations.

Molecular genetic analysis of the original disease samples revealed that the virus is of North Asian origin, suggesting that disease incursion might have occurred through the movement of logging shipments that are a common feature in the affected province. Disease surveillance and monitoring activities are still continuing in the same area, and the branch will continue alerting its members in order to facilitate essential support services.

*Workneh Ayalew, Secretary, PNG Branch of the WPSA*

### Russia

A new study year has begun at the All-Russian Scientific Research and Technological Poultry Industry Institute (VNITIP) in Sergiev-Posad. This institute celebrated its 80th jubilee last year and is the flagman of Russian poultry science. Poultry specialists come to the institute for courses to maintain their qualifications. They receive information on poultry industry trends, news in poultry feeding, managing, egg incubation and so on. Many famous scientists and members of WPSA teach these courses, including: V. Fisinin, E. Egorov, Ja. Roiter, V. Lukashenko, A. Egorova, A. Kavtarashvili, V. Schol, L. Tuchemsky, V. Gustchin, V. Volik, V.

Lisenko, T. Okolelova, B. Kulishev, A. Agaphonichev, E. Javadov, R. Karapetyan, T. Lenkova, I. Saleeva, V. Titov, V. Gonotskiy, A. Osmanyan, I. Draganov, G. Afanasyev. Other specialists and representatives of leading Russian and foreign firms also contribute to the courses. Students exchange their experience with each other including their own enterprise achievements. The courses offered are well recognized and are popular, not only among Russian specialists, but also with foreign specialists who come to VNITIP to receive new information. The following theme seminars will be provided during the coming year:

Future courses:

*September 12-17.* Modern approaches to high production poultry crosses feeding, feeds and biologically active additions quality control, new technologies in feed production (for poultry and feed production enterprises, veterinary specialists, zoo- and veterinary laboratory leaders, zoo engineers in feeds).

*September 26-October 1.* Problems of poultry products processing, quality and standardization (for eggs and poultry meat production and processing specialists).

*October 10-15.* New technologies and raising ways for broiler meat producing (for technologists and poultry meat production and processing specialists).

*October 24-29.* Selection work with high producing poultry crosses (for breeding farms leaders and specialists).

*November 7-12.* Innovative and resource-saving technologies and equipment for hen egg production for food and incubation (for technologists, zoo engineers, veterinary specialists, department managers and poultry industry enterprises team leaders).

*November 14-19.* Modern approaches to poultry egg incubation technology, poultry embryo diseases (for zoo engineers, veterinary specialists, incubation department managers and mechanicians).

*November 28-December 3.* Perspective on technological decisions and equipment for poultry products production and processing

resource-saving technologies (for poultry industry enterprises engineers, energy managers, technologists).

For information on these courses: Phone: +7 (49654) 77070, 61351; Fax: +7 (49654) 61138

*The Alltech Exchange:* The Alltech biotech company has recently celebrated its 30 anniversary. During this time, Alltech has created some highly effective products and feed ingredients for poultry rations, and have communicated their experience in animal and poultry feeding and management. Alltech has organized many lecture tours, conferences, seminars around the world, and has established a reputation for information sharing. These lectures have become very popular in Russia. The Russian 'Alltech' company's seminars and conferences are attended by leaders and specialists of different enterprises and firms, not only from Russia, but also from Ukraine, Belarus, the Baltic countries, Kazakhstan, Armenia and other countries who understand that a level of professionalism is one of the primary conditions for surviving in difficult economic situations.

'The modern poultry industry; How to make new possibilities from the current difficulties' was the title one of Alltech's recent seminars recently held near Moscow. Russian Alltech Company director, T. Papasyan indicated that it's necessary to understand feed ingredient choices for producers and scientific personnel in order to confirm any new ingredient's effectiveness under commercial and practical conditions. Alltech's main purpose is to bring the newest scientific information from scientific laboratories to practical usage. Hence, topics such as mycotoxins, salmonellosis, antibiotic usage, feed usage effectiveness, mineral nutrition, among others, were discussed at the seminar.

Prof. Trevor Smith, a mycotoxin specialist from Guelph University, Guelph, Ontario, Canada talked about the advantages of one of the most effective and safe products for controlling mycotoxins, 'Mycosorb,' an adsorbent that has been created by Alltech. This unique preparation's advantage is its ability to neutralize a broad range of mycotoxins. The preparation has already been used in many enterprises in Russia and has proved its effectiveness in practice.

A great deal of interest was generated by the

presentation by Alltech's European poultry specialist, Aziz Sacranie. His talk was on the importance of a balanced nutrition programme for parent stock. This is an important topic because the parent flock's nutrition affects both embryonic development as well as the flock's health during the first ten days of the chick's life (prestarter nutrition). Alltech's organic mineral complexes (Bioplex) and Sel-Plex (its yeast preparation that contains organic selenium) are widely used at many Russian enterprises.

Doctor Peter Spring, from the Swiss Agricultural College, and the K. Berg a veterinarian from Sweden discussed antibiotic usage problems and non-pharmaceutical alternatives potential such as Bio-Mos and a recent antigen created by Alltech and the effectiveness of these preparations against salmonellosis.

Interest in the Alltech seminars has been substantial. It is a round table where the seminar participants can discuss many issues and problems, exchange opinions, tell of their enterprises practical experience, and receive exhaustive answers to their questions.

*Tatiana Vasilieva, Branch Secretary*

## USA

The officers and Committee members of the USA Branch met in Atlanta, Georgia in January. The USA Branch's new officers include President Sarge Bilgili (Auburn University), Vice President Paul Patterson (Penn State University), and Secretary Bob Buresh (Novus International). New Committee members include Walter Bottje (University of Arkansas), Edgar Oviedo (North Carolina State University), and Bob Taylor (University of New Hampshire). Some of the actions of the USA Branch Committee included:

WPSA-USA and Canadian Branch of WPSA will again host the joint WPSA Lecture at the annual Poultry Science Association Meeting that will be held in conjunction with the meetings of the American Association of Avian Pathologists, and the American Veterinary Medical Association. The WPSA Lecture will be given by Dr. Greg Mathis of Southern Poultry Research, Inc. and the title will be 'History of the Poultry Industry: Scientific Breakthroughs'.

The USA and Canadian Branches, along

with the PSA, will host a Student Mixer one evening during the PSA Annual Meeting. Check the PSA website for details.

The annual travel grant programme for the USA Branch has been suspended indefinitely in order to accumulate sufficient funds to support travel grants to the XXIV World's Poultry Congress, to be held on 5-8 August 2012, in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

A joint WPSA-USA/PSA bid for the 2020 World's Poultry Congress (WPC) in the US is being explored. If found feasible, a complete bid for the 2020 WPC will be prepared and finalized for presentation to the WPSA Board in December 2011. The vote for the WPC will take place during the 2012 WPC in Brazil.

A change in Section 7 of Article 10 of the

PSA Constitution is proposed to streamline the continuity in the terms officers. This change, if approved by the membership, will call for the election of WPSA-USA Committee members every two years rather than every four years.

The procedure by which the WPSA Lecture speaker is selected by the WPSA-USA Committee and Canadian Branch of the WPSA will be revised. It basically places the identification and selection responsibility for the WPSA Lecture speaker back on the two branches, where it typically has been. The role of the PSA Board will be to make the final approval as it does for most symposia speakers.